

## === JOINT INVESTIGATION, SURVEY OR EXCAVATION ===

27 September 1993

THE JOINT TEAM SURVEYED A CRASH SITE LOCATED AT GRID COORDINATES UJ4744596161, NEAR PHU NHUNG VILLAGE. THE TEAM ALSO INTERVIEWED FIVE WITNESSES CONCERNING THE CRASH. THE TEAM EXAMINED A TOTAL OF EIGHT SETS OF HUMAN REMAINS, SOME OF WHICH HAD BEEN UNILATERALLY RECOVERED, AND ONE SET OF IDENTIFICATION MEDIA DATA. AT THE CRASH SITE, THE TEAM OBSERVED SEVERAL LARGE PIECES OF AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE, SURVIVAL GEAR AND ADDITIONAL HUMAN REMAINS. (REF 3)

8 December 1993

FROM 24 OCT TO 8 NOV 93 RE1 CONDUCTED A JOINT EXCAVATION NEAR PHU NHUNG VILLAGE, TUAN GIAO DISTRICT, LAI CHAU PROVINCE. THE SITE IS LOCATED AT GRID COORDINATE 48QUJ4741096010. THIS SITE IS LOCATED IN A VERY ISOLATED AND MOUNTAINOUS AREA AT AN ELEVATION OF 1457 METERS (4780 FEET). THE EXCAVATION RESULTED IN THE FINDING OF HUMAN REMAINS, PERSONAL EFFECTS AND ASSOCIATED PIECES OF WRECKAGE CONSISTENT WITH THOSE OF A C-130 AIRCRAFT. 187 PIECES OF HUMAN BONE WERE RECOVERED; 16 TEETH WERE ALSO RECOVERED, OF WHICH 6 HAVE DENTAL RESTORATIONS. LIFE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT RECOVERED FROM THE SITE INCLUDE COMPONENTS FROM A MINIMUM OF SEVEN PERSONAL PARACHUTES, TWO OXYGEN MASKS, ONE SURVIVAL VEST, ONE SURVIVAL RADIO AND THREE UNDERARM LIFE PRESERVERS. THE SITE WAS CLOSED BY THE CILHI TEAM LEADER AND ANTHROPOLOGIST ON 8 NOV 93. (REF 4)

22 December 1993

ON 24 OCT - 8 NOV 93, A JOINT US/SRV TEAM EXCAVATED A SUSPECTED C-130E CRASH SITE AT GRID COORDINATES 48QUJ470960 IN LAI CHAU PROVINCE, VIETNAM. JTF-FA ANALYSIS INDICATES THE ITEMS RECOVERED ARE SUFFICIENT TO ESTABLISH AN EXCLUSIVE CORRELATION WITH THE REFNO 0954 INCIDENT. JTF-FA FILES INDICATE THIS WAS THE ONLY C-130E CRASH SITE WITHIN 90 KILOMETERS OF GRID COORDINATES 48QUJ470960. (REF 5)

JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING  
BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 1 MARCH 1994

## ===== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION =====

REFNO: 0956-0-01 (ACCNO 1141)  
Name: SWORDS, SMITH IIIStatus: (8) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED  
Date Status assigned: 17 Aug 1979

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	DATA
Service	AIR FORCE	Sex	MALE	Blood type	O +
Grade	04	Hair	BROWN	Complexion	FAIR
SSAN		Eyes	BROWN	Weapon	.38 CAL PISTOL
Serial No	DATA	Height	72 in / 1.83 mtrs	Weapon No	K580057
Birth date	17 Jul 1929	Weight	160 lb / 72.5 kg	Duty pos	ACFT CMDR
Home State	CALIFORNIA	Religion	OTHER	PW Camp	\$

## ===== SITE INFORMATION =====

## INCIDENT LOCATION (0)

Site Type: CRASH SITE  
 UTM: 48QXD026845  
 Lat/Long: 170238N / 1055751E  
 Country: LAOS  
 Military Region: 3  
 Mission Province: SAVANNAKHET  
 (formerly): KHAMMOUANE  
 Mission District: XEPON  
 Mission Date: 30 Dec 1967 2035L  
 Mission Category: 2  
 Local Analysis: Near populated area.

## ===== JTF-FA ACTIVITY SUMMARY =====

Folders Passed: Feb 90  
 Vessey Case: NO  
 Case type: CRASH SITE  
 Survivability: (4) Probably in the aircraft at the time of the crash

## ===== VEHICLE DATA =====

Vehicle Type: F4C	Serial: 7658
Crash Type: None	Engine Type: J79
Call Sign: FLAMINGO 02	1 Serial: 418899
Year: 63	2 Serial: 434511

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Name: NAME Date Status assigned: 18 Jan 1977

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Service		Sex	MALE	Blood type	O +
Grade		Hair	BROWN	Complexion	FAIR
SSAN		Eyes	HAZEL	Weapon	.38 CAL PISTOL
Serial No	DATA	Height	70 in / 1.78 mtrs	Weapon No	K662509
Birth date		Weight	191 lb / 86.5 kg	Duty pos	PILOT
Home State		Religion		PW Camp	\$

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CASE: 0956

===== CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS =====

18 March 1976

ON 30 DECEMBER 1967 MAJ SMITH (NMN) SWORDS, III, AIRCRAFT COMMANDER, AND NAME, PILOT, WERE CREWMEMBERS ABOARD AN F4C AIRCRAFT, (#63-7658), AS NUMBER TWO IN A FLIGHT OF TWO ON A NIGHT STRIKE MISSION OVER LAOS. IN THE TARGET AREA, THE TARGET WAS MARKED AND NUMBER TWO WAS CLEARED FOR A ROCKET PASS. HE CALLED IN FROM THE EAST ON HIS RUN. IMMEDIATELY AFTER NUMBER TWO RELEASED THEIR ROCKETS, THEY WERE OBSERVED BY THE NUMBER ONE AIRCRAFT TO CRASH ABOUT 1000 TO 1500 FEET PAST THE ROCKET IMPACT AREA IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES XD 026 845.

THE AIRCRAFT EXPLODED ON IMPACT, AND A RESULTING FIREBALL SKIPPED 2000 FEET BEFORE IMPACTING AGAIN. THE NUMBER ONE AIRCRAFT CIRCLED THE AREA AND OBSERVED THE WRECKAGE BURNING FOR ABOUT 15 MINUTES. NO PARACHUTES WERE SIGHTED. NO BEEPER SIGNALS NOR RADIO CONTACT WAS HEARD. SEARCH EFFORTS WERE SUSPENDED DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER. AN ELECTRONIC SEARCH CONTINUED, BUT WITHOUT SUCCESS. (REF 1 & 2)

DURING THE EXISTENCE OF JCRC, THE HOSTILE THREAT IN THE AREA PRECLUDED ANY VISITS TO OR GROUND INSPECTIONS OF THE SITE INVOLVED IN THIS CASE. THESE INDIVIDUALS' NAMES AND IDENTIFYING DATA WERE TURNED OVER TO THE FOUR-PARTY JOINT MILITARY TEAM WITH A REQUEST FOR ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE. NO RESPONSE WAS FORTHCOMING. MAJ SWORDS AND NAME ARE CURRENTLY CARRIED IN THE PRESUMPTIVE STATUS OF DEAD, BODY NOT RECOVERED.

===== REFERENCES =====

18 March 1976

REFERENCES USED: <1>. MSG, 56 ACW TOUC, NKP, AFIN #4066, 301950Z DEC 67. <2> RPT, 366 CSG, AF FORM 484 W/STATEMENTS, 2 JAN 68. <3> AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE 110409Z FEB 94.

===== NEGOTIATION ACTIONS =====

19 September 1990

DURING THE 1-2 FEB 90 CONSULTATIVE MEETING, THE JCRC PASSED MAPS ANNOTATED WITH 90 CRASH SITES LOCATED AT XIANGKHOANG, KHAMMOUNG AND SALAVAN PROVINCES. THE LAO ACCEPTED THE MAPS AND AGREED TO STUDY THEM. REFNO 0956 WAS ONE OF THE SITES INVOLVED.

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=== ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS ===

17 March 1976

ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS: SMITH (NMN) SWORDS, III 0956-0-01, AND NAME

=== MAJOR COORDINATE CHANGE ===

24 March 1976

CHG INCIDENT LOCATION FM XD024 847 TO XD026 845 BASED ON 56 ACW TUOC  
NKP THAI MSG 301950Z DEC 67.

=== JOINT INVESTIGATION, SURVEY OR EXCAVATION ===

23 February 1994

ON 23 JAN, IE1 OF THE JOINT TEAM INVESTIGATED CASE 0956 IN VILIBOULI DISTRICT, SAVANNAKHET PROVINCE. THE JOINT TEAM INVESTIGATED THIS CASE AT BAN TOHEUA, LOCATED JUST SOUTH OF THE KHAMMOUAN-SAVANNAKHET BORDER. RESIDENTS THERE REPORTED A CRASH SITE IN THE GENERAL VICINITY OF THE REPORTED INCIDENT LOCATED ONLY A SHORT DISTANCE NORTH OF THE LOW MOUNTAIN RIDGE WHICH FORMS THE PROVINCIAL BORDER BETWEEN SAVANNAKHET AND KHAMMOUAN. THE DISCRIPTION OF THE INCIDENT BY THE WITNESS WAS INCONSISTENT IN SOME RESPECTS WITH THE ACTUAL INCIDENT, BUT THERE IS ENOUGH CORRELATION TO WARRANT FOLLOW-UP ON THE REPORTED SITE, THE REMAINING VALID INVESTIGATION REQUIREMENT, DURING THE NEXT JFA IN KHAMMOUAN PROVINCE. (REF 3)

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CAMP H. M. SMITH, HAWAII 96861-5025

CASE 0956-0-01 AND 02

NARRATIVE

ON 30 DECEMBER 1967, MAJOR SMITH SWORDS III, AND

NAME WERE THE CREW ABOARD AN F-4C FIGHTER  
IN A FLIGHT OF TWO AIRCRAFT. THE AIRCRAFT, SERIAL NUMBER 63-  
7658, CRASHED IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES XD026845,  
APPROXIMATELY 3500 METERS SOUTHWEST OF BAN NONG KOUNG, 1500  
METERS NORTH OF BAN KOK NAK, AND 200 METERS EAST OF ROUTE 911,  
SAVANNAKHET PROVINCE. THE CREW MEMBERS OF THE OTHER AIRCRAFT SAW  
NO PARACHUTES AND HEARD NO BEEPER SIGNALS.

PERTINENT DATA ARE AS FOLLOWS:

NAME: SWORDS III, SMITH

RANK: MAJOR, U.S. AIR FORCE

DATE OF BIRTH: 17 JULY 1929

RACE: CAUCASIAN

HEIGHT: 1.83 METERS

WEIGHT: 72.5 KILOGRAMS

HAIR: BROWN

EYES: BROWN

NAME: NAME

RANK:

DATE OF BIRTH: DATA

RACE:

PASSED TO OFFICIALS OF THE LAO  
GOVERNMENT DURING A COORDINATION  
MEETING ON 31 DEC 93 IN VIENTIANE



# JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING

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ເມື່ອວັນທີ 30 ທັນວາ 1967, ພັນຕີ ສະມິດ ຊຸອດ III (Smith Sword, III)

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7658, ຕິດໃນບໍລິເວນ ພິກັດ XD026845, ປະມານ 3500 ແມັດ ທາງທິດຕາເວັນຕົກສ່ຽງໃຕ້

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ແລະ ສະຫວັນນະເຂດ. ສະມາຊິກຂອງເຄື່ອງບິນລຳອື່ນ ບໍ່ເຫັນຈ້ອງ ແລະ ກໍບໍ່ໄດ້ບິນສ່ຽງສິນ

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ລາຍລະອຽດກ່ຽວກັບບຸກຄົນມີດັ່ງຕໍ່ໄປນີ້ :

ນາມສະກຸນ, ຊື່ : ຊຸອດ, ສະມິດ III  
 ບິດ : ພັນຕີ, ທະຫານອາກາດ  
 ວັນເດືອນປີເກີດ : 17 ກໍລະກົດ 1929  
 ຊາດພັນ : ຜິວຂາວ  
 ຄວາມສູງ : 1.83 ແມັດ  
 ນ້ຳໜັກ : 72.5 ກິໂລກຣາມ  
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## JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 12 AUGUST 1993

### BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

REFNO: 0958-0-01 (ACCNO 1407)  
 Name: PEACE, JOHN DARLINGTON III

Status: (F) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED  
 Date Status assigned: 16 Jan 1974

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	DATA
Service	NAVY	Sex	MALE	Blood type	O +
Grade	O4	Hair	BROWN	Complexion	FAIR
SSAN		Eyes	BLUE	Weapon	#
Serial No	DATA	Height	73 in / 1.85 mtrs	Weapon No	#
Birth date		Weight	185 lb / 83.8 kg	Duty pos	PILOT
Home State	OHIO	Religion	PROTESTANT	PW Camp	\$

### SITE INFORMATION

#### INCIDENT LOCATION (0)

Site Type: CRASH SITE  
 UTM: 48QWF650675  
 Lat/Long: 184157N / 1053660E  
 Country: NORTH VIETNAM  
 Military Region: 4  
 Mission Province: NGHE AN  
 (formerly):  
 Mission District: HUNG NGUYEN  
 Mission Date: 31 Dec 1967 1431L  
 Mission Category: 3  
 Local Analysis: Unknown location.

### JTF-FA ACTIVITY SUMMARY

Investigations: Jun 93  
 Surveys: Jun 93  
 Vessey Case: NO  
 Case type: CRASH SITE - UNKNOWN LOSS  
 Survivability: (3) Unknown

### VEHICLE DATA

Vehicle Type: A6A	Serial: 152917
Crash Type: Enemy action	Engine Type: J52P6
Call Sign: FLYING ACE 501	1 Serial: #
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